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Appl. Title:

PLASMIDS FROM  
CORYNEBACTERIUM  
AND USE THEREOF

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Sir:

**REPLY/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

Date: October 4, 2002

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This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject matter, which is incorporated herein by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

**FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED**

## 1. Small Entity claim

A. ☒ NOT madeB. ☐ WithdrawnC. ☐ made herewithD. ☐ made previously

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See Required  
Separate Paper  
(Pat-256)

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code Lg/Sm
2. Total Effective Claims	25	**minus 23	2	x \$18/\$9 =	+ \$36 103/203
3. Independent Claims	13	***minus 5	8	x \$84/\$42 =	+ \$672 102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application) .....				+ \$280/\$140 =	+ \$0 104/204
5. Original due Date: September 4, 2002	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE				
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo)	\$110/\$55 =			115/215
	(2 mos)	\$400/\$200 =	+ \$110		116/216
	(3 mos)	\$920/\$460 =			117/217
	(4 mos)	\$1,440/\$720 =			118/218
	(5 mos)	\$1,960/\$980 =			128/228
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract		- \$0			
8. Extension Fee			+ \$110		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee .....			+ \$110/\$55	+ \$0	148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee under Rule 97 (c), .....			+ \$180	+ \$0	126
or if Rule 97(d) Request .....			+ \$180		126
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r) .....			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b) .....			x \$740/370 ea	+ \$0	149/249
13. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) .....			+ \$740/370	+ \$0	1179/1279
14. Petition fee for .....				+ \$0	

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated June 4, 2002, wherein the claims were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, 35 U.S.C. §102(a) and 35 U.S.C. §102(b). This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a petition for an extension of time and the requisite fee.

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections of the claims in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**I. AMENDMENT**

*Please amend the application as follows.*

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

*Please amend the paragraph at page 5, lines 6-9 of the specification as follows.*

B<sup>1</sup> The present invention also provides novel composite plasmids that contain at least part of an active substance resistance region.

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**IN THE CLAIMS**

*Please amend claims 2 and 3 as follows.*

B<sup>2</sup> 2. (Amended) A plasmid capable of autonomous replication in bacteria of the genus *Corynebacterium*, said plasmid comprising: